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SUBJECT: MTN: U.S. NTM REQUESTS OF ROMANIA

REF: BUCHAREST 2549

1. "INDICATIVE LIST OF U.S. EXPORT INTERESTS IN ROMANIA"
WAS SENT TO ROMANIAN DELEGATION DEC 12, 1977. COVER NOTE
CONTAINS SEVERAL CAVEATS: U.S. HAS GENERALLY NOT INCLUDED
MEASURES ON WHICH MULTILATERAL SOLUTIONS ARE BEING PURSUED
(E.G., SUBSIDIES, STANDARDS, GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT,
CUSTOMS VALUATION); LISTS ON THESE AND OTHER AREAS MAY BE
SUBMITTED LATER, AND WE RESERVE RIGHT TO SUBMIT LISTS OF
EXPORT MEASURES LATER. U.S. LIST REQUESTS ACTION ON
FOLLOWING NON-TARIFF MEASURES AFFECTING ALL PRODUCTS:

A) CONTINUED EFFORTS TO INCREASE IMPORTS FROM GATT
MEMBER COUNTRIES.

B) REDUCE EXCHANGE RATE FOR BUSINESS VISITORS TO A
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MORE REALISTIC RATE. REMARKS: FOREIGN BUSINESSMEN'S RATE
OF \$112 LEI IS LESS ADVANTAGEOUS THAN THE ESTIMATED
AVERAGE \$120LEI RATE APPLIED TO FTOS FOR COMMERCIAL
TRANSACTIONS.

C) LIBERALIZE LAWS WHICH PREVENT PAYMENT OF ROMAN-
IAN NATIONALS BY U.S. REPRESENTATIONAL OFFICES DIRECTLY
IN LOCAL CURRENCY. REMARKS: LOCAL EMPLOYEES ARE PAID BY

ARGUS; FOREIGN FIRMS PAY ARGUS SEVERAL TIMES THE ACTUAL WAGE IN HARD CURRENCY.

D) PROVIDE DIRECTORY OF INDUSTRIAL CENTERS AND MAJOR PLANTS IN ORDER TO FACILITATE U.S. FIRMS' CONTACT WITH THEM. REMARKS: DIRECTORY SHOULD INCLUDE SUCH BASIC INFORMATION AS ADDRESSES, TELEPHONE AND TELEX NUMBER.

E) PROVIDE CURRENT INFORMATION ON BALANCE OF PAYMENTS. REMARKS: LITTLE OR NO INFORMATION CURRENTLY AVAILABLE FOR PURPOSE OF TRADE ANALYSIS.

F) PROVIDE MONTHLY FOREIGN TRADE STATISTICS, ON TARIFF NUMBER BASIS, BY COMMODITY AND BY COUNTRY. REMARKS: SHOULD BE REPORTED IN ANNUAL GATT REVIEW OF TRADE AND COULD BE USED FOR MARKET ANALYSIS AND IMPROVED BUSINESS FORECASTING.

G) ELIMINATE RESTRICTIONS ON THE DIRECT HIRING OF ROMANIAN NATIONALS BY OFFICES OF U.S. FIRMS. REMARKS: HIRING FOR SALES OFFICES IS DONE THROUGH ARGUS WHICH IMPOSES HIGH COSTS AND WHICH DOES NOT PROVIDE TEMPORARY EMPLOYEES.

H) PROVIDE DIRECTORY OF RESEARCH AND DESIGN INSTITUTES IN ORDER TO FACILITATE CONTACT. REMARKS: DIRECTORY SHOULD INCLUDE SUCH BASIC INFORMATION AS ADDRESSES, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TELEPHONE AND TELEX NUMBERS.

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